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In re Application of

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Motonori NAKAMURA, et al.

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 13, 2004, Applicants submit herewith a Revised Amendment correcting markings in claims appearing in the Amendment filed on July 27, 2004 which is in proper format.

Entry of the Amendment and Remarks, and favorable consideration, are solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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REVISED AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2004.